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TWENTY-FOUR: YOU DON'T SAY

1. A 74 y/o female: My father would still be alive today if all his doctors hadn't screwed up.

Me: When did he die?

Patient: Almost ten years ago.

Me: How old was he when he died?

Patient: 98.

2. A 48 y/o male: The oxy (oxycontin) took my manhood away but now that I'm off and my hard-on's are back I'm chasing my wife around the house to get some.

3. Patient: I'm having trouble performing ever since my wife said my penis was cute.

Me: Why do you think you're having such a problem with what she said?

Patient: Because she was married before and I think it's her own way of telling me it's much smaller than her ex-husbands.

4. Patient: I'm having trouble satisfying my wife and need help.

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Me: What sort of problem are you having?

Patient: Basically I can't last long enough. My wife keeps telling me to not bother to start something I can't finish.

5. Patient (A 82 y/o male): My marriage was recently annulled.

Me: How long were you married?

Patient: 6 weeks.

Me: What happened?

Patient: She couldn't stand my passing gas so often.

Me: Is that a new problem?

Patient: No, but it wasn't until we were married and had some time alone that she knew I had a problem. Most of our dates before we were married were at social events and the noise level kept her from knowing I was farting.

6. Patient (A 64 y/o male): I keep hearing about ED on the TV. I have IDW.

Me: IDW?

Patient (after laughing): It Don't Work!

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7. The Patient is a 65 y/o male that has been having marital problems.

Me: How long have you been married?

Patient: She's my 4th wife...I brought her on to the mother ship for the first time about 25 years ago.

Me (wondering if he was talking about his sexual organ or something else...I decided to go for the "something else"): Are you a Star Wars fan?

8. A 53 y/o male returned to me after having recently seen an orthopedic surgeon due to shoulder pain.

Me: How did everything go?

Patient: Fine, he gave me an injection but boy did it hurt. You want to hear something funny?

Me: Sure.

Patient: When I told the doctor that the injection hurt he said "that's funny; it didn't hurt me a bit."

We both laughed. I let him know that I would need to use the same phrase in the future. It was a perfect response if you ask me.

9. A patient has high cholesterol. She was started on treatment a number of months ago. Lab tests show that her cholesterol remains elevated.

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Me: Have you been pretty good about taking your cholesterol medication?

Patient: Yes, I've got the medication at my house.

Me: Are you actually taking it?

Patient: Honestly, not very often.

Me: I'll take the blame for that. I guess I forgot to tell you that you needed to swallow it, in addition to having it at our house.

Patient (smiling): Yeah, it's your fault. I guess I'll take it now that that you finally educated me.

10. An 83 y/o male came in for a follow-up appointment.

Patient: I was initially upset that it took so long to get in to see the optometrist but it ended up being a blessing.

Me: How come?

Patient: I went to the Hard Rock Casino recently in Tampa to visit with my daughter. I played video poker and discarded the wrong cards because my vision was blurry but ended up getting four 4's and won \$250. I wouldn't have won if I was seeing clearly because I would have kept the Aces that I accidentally discarded.

11. A 70 y/o Hispanic male came in for a new patient visit.

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Patient: Do you speak Spanish?

Me: Just a little bit. Do you need me to get a translator?

Patient: No, we should be alright if I just have a little shit.

Me: I'm sorry, what do you need?

Patient: A little shit so I can write things down that I may not pronounce correctly.

Me: You bet. I'll get you a sheet of paper.

12. Patient: I don't drink alcohol at all but occasionally have a little wine.

13. 58 y/o male.

Patient (smiling): Doc, I was a little upset when I saw your note asking for me to be set up for a fuck-you appointment. Luckily, the clerk at the front was able to let me know that an F-U appointment was a follow-up appointment. I'm originally from New Jersey and up there "F-U" only means one thing!

14. 52 y/o male appeared to have the wrong height listed on his chart.

Me: How tall are you?

Patient: About 5 foot, 10 inches (70 inches).

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Me: I thought so, my nurse listed you at 60 inches; I need to give you an additional 10 inches.

Patient: Boy, my ex-wife sure would have liked me to have another 10 inches!

He laughed first and then I did also.

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